

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JANUARY 28, 2003

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bud Jeffries, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Pamela Lancaster, and Robert Rye. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the January 14th meeting
2. 5a Set the bid opening for February 11 at 9:30 a.m. for asphalt overlays
3. 5b Set the bid opening date for February 25, at 9:30 a.m. for trucks
4. 15 Set the bid opening for garbage services for February 11 at 9:45 a.m.
5. 17 Approved the request for the manager license for Mark Washburn for Wood River Truck Plaza
6. 18 Approved Resolution #03-0001 for exchange of collateral for Five Points Bank
7. 19 accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report
8. 23 Accepted and placed on file the County Sheriff's office report
9. 24 Accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 25 Accepted and placed on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2002

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| COPIES | \$ 289.50 |
| HANDGUN PERMITS | \$ 150.00 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS | \$9,800.00 |

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION HALL COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS ORGANIZATION UNION NEGOTIATIONS – Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to go into executive session regarding union negotiations. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:07 a.m. executive session for public defender negotiations

9:16 a.m. Hartman made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS AND SET DATES FOR OUT FOR STATE JAIL TOURS – Arnold stated that he has additional dates for the possible jail tours for February 21st and 28th. For the facilities in Kansas it was suggested to leave on Thursday and use the full day Friday to tour the facilities. Discussion was held on the distance between the locations. Jeffries suggested splitting the groups and go at two different times. Dave Arnold stated he talked to DLR and there are other county facilities the board could look at and they suggested a county facility in Pottawattamie County Iowa.

February 21st tour to the two Kansas facilities, Humiston, Eriksen, Lancaster and Arnold will attend.

February 28th the board will tour the county facility in Council Bluffs, Iowa, all seven board members stated that they would be able to attend the tour on February 28th. This will be advertised as a work-study session. Dave Arnold will provide information packets for this tour.

8 PRESENTATION OF RFP DEVELOPED BY KUTAK ROCK FOR COUNTY JAIL County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz was present and stated that the attorney's from Kutak Rock could not be present. The scope requests the development of a 200-bed center for male and female inmates. It requests additional operational payments to fund additional beds. It asks for a proposed method of designing, building and equipping the Center and also requests the option of a private operator by leasing or an operating agreement. The board needs to address the site issue and if the board wants to consider a different site they need to address this. Janulewicz stated that he talked to Denny McCumber Director of Jail Standards and he indicated that there is nothing in jail standards that addresses the location of railroad tracts next to a correctional facility because it would be rare that there would be a train derailment in the city limits.

Arnold suggested changing the first sentence to a possible site for the jail and then in the next paragraph addresses an alternate site.

Eriksen stated that he agreed with Scott on the site issue and would like to leave it open so they could look at all of the options that are available. Arnold also questioned the number of beds that the county would need.

Janulewicz stated that the consultants stated that it was important that the county include a site in the RFP because if a site were not available it would be difficult for the proposers to bid.

Discussion was held on the number of beds that are necessary. Rye stated that he didn't want the county to have to add beds in the near future.

Jeffries stated that he is satisfied on the expansion and the number of beds. The people of Hall County expect a jail that will last 20 years. He also understands why there needs to be a site in order for people to bid. He expressed concern on the property at CAAP because of the contamination. He also stated that there is talk in the legislature of putting fewer people in jail.

Janulewicz said the facility could be sized for 400 beds but it may not be equipped for 400 beds.

Hartman stated that the State is not going to build more jails because they are too high priced. He reminded the board that the consultants said they could build and add more beds later. He questioned why all of the board members voted for the jail property when it was purchased and now they are questioning it and looking for another site. He also questioned if the board was going to go against the attorney general's opinion. He stated the county board needs to be responsible to the taxpayers.

Lancaster stated that when the land was purchased it was proposed to house the safety center there also but that was not agreed on. Land changes hands all the time so the property could be sold. Janulewicz stated that the land proposals could be an appendix in the RFP and addressed that way. Lancaster said she is satisfied that the attorney general's opinion will be addressed. She suggested that there should be formal presentation from the possible bidders in the calendar of events.

Scott Arnold stated that there are different types of cells for a jail facility, and the plan from Durrant was to build a facility that was single bunked and then add extra bunks as they are needed. They build a shell that is plumbed and the electrical is ready for the next phase. He questioned how many beds the county really needs. Maybe they could look at marketing the extra beds. He stated he appreciated Bud's comments on the contamination issue at CAAP and maybe this is not an option, but he doesn't want to limit the bidders. He wants to see the best options that are available for the county. If the land is not used it could be sold in the future.

Eriksen stated he does not want to limit the options and as he reads the proposal it directs the bidders to the county site. Janulewicz stated that the proposal does not limit the construction to the county site.

Jeffries stated that he has concerns if the site selection is determined later. If he were bidding he would want to know where the site was located. When the county talks about expanding the facility in the future, he understands how this would work because when the school district built Lincoln School it was built so they would be able to expand.

Lancaster stated that she supports the option of additional sites. She said she thinks that if the County shows what our minimum needs are, the bidders will be able to do this.

Janulewicz stated that the proposal is written that Hall County has a site and if they want the bidders propose additional sites, the county will look at them.

Jeffries stated that maybe the board should wait for the proposals and if they are not acceptable the board can start over.

Hartman expressed concern that if a jail facility were built at CAAP other housing would follow and the Army has warned against this.

Hartman made a motion to use the property that the county has purchased as the only site for the jail facility. No second motion failed.

Jeffries made a motion that the county site is included in the proposal but if some one can propose a better site to locate the jail they can propose this in the bid. Discussion was held. This is the way the RFP is written. Jeffries withdrew his motion.

Lancaster stated that there is a concern because of the attorney general's opinion that the county received but County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz looks at different laws so that is why there are questions. That is why they have had Senator Aguilar propose legislation that will clarify the county's position concerning a private correctional facility and the county will have to wait to see what happens.

Janulewicz stated that it would take some time before this issue is clarified and he questioned if the board wants to wait before they put out the RFP.

Discussion was held and they will bring the draft back in two weeks and consider a time line to keep this going.

Correction Director Dave Arnold requested to speak to the board. He reminded them to keep in mind they need to design a facility for 25 years and the population doubles every 20 years. He stated he could sell bed space every day and they have brought in about a \$1,000.00 a day in the past. The site of the facility is important, they need to remember that arresting agencies will need to travel to the facility and the CAAP location would take 30 minutes travel time. The inmate population sues over everything and he expressed concern on the contamination at CAAP.

This will be addressed again in two weeks.

9 DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2003 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – Lancaster stated that she and Scott Arnold worked on the assignments and the majority of the requests were taken care of. She stated that she does need a volunteer for the emergency planning committee to serve as an alternate. Bud Jeffries stated that he would be able to serve as the alternate. Lancaster stated that the resolution for the reuse committee would also have to be changed to include the new mayor.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to accept the committee assignments for 2003. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 JUVENILE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING JUVENILE SERVICES PLAN. Arnold stated that the new juvenile committee needs to meet for further discussion. He requested that they set up a meeting on February 4th after the work study session. Grant money was received to help with the expenses for a new juvenile service plan. The people that use this plan have determined that the entire plan needs

to be rewritten. Howard County would also like to participate with Hall County. They would like to hire a consultant to assist them. Once the committee meets they will bring this back to the board at the February 11th meeting with the request for funding.

11 COMPUTER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – DISCUSS AND APPROVE \$12,000 FOR VOICE MAIL – Information was included in the board's packets requesting an additional \$12,000.00 to complete the voice mail for the county. The cost for the Administration Building is budgeted for in the inheritance fund and \$3,000.00 was budgeted in the Probation Office budget for voice mail. To complete the entire project it will cost an additional \$12,000.00. It would be more efficient to complete the entire project than to do part of it. They are recommending to spend the additional \$12,000.00 from miscellaneous general, miscellaneous line item. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve spending the additional \$12,000.00 from miscellaneous general miscellaneous line item. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND APPROVE DONIPHAN FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING REQUEST – Hartman stated that since the death of the toddler in a house fire in Doniphan the rural fire department would like to get a smoke alarm system in the homes in Doniphan that have small children. They are requesting keno funding for this project. County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that if the board approves this it could be done. There is money available to cover this request. Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the funding request of \$1,000.00 from the keno funds for the Doniphan Fire Department. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13 DISCUSS MAYOR'S INVITATION FOR LUNCH AT THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND'S ANNUAL RETREAT – The board received a letter from Mayor Vavricek inviting the board members to it retreat on Saturday, February 22 at Camp Augustine for a working lunch. Discussion was held and six of the board members stated that they would attend, so this would be a work study session. County Clerk Marla Conley will advertise this as a work study session.

16 EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL CLAIMS – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session regarding the personnel claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:06 a.m. executive session

11:30 a.m. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of executive session Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion to deny the claim from Linda Zimmerman and to table the claim from Trudy Janulewicz for further information. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the other claims as submitted and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board assistant Stacey Ruzicka provided the board members with the meeting list in the packets and requested that the evaluations be returned by February 4th. She reminded the computer committee of the meeting at 1:00 p.m. today concerning the micro filming and reminded Scott Arnold of the pie-eating contest. She also asked if any one else was interested in the leadership training program that is being offered by NACO.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman - none

Humiston – none

Eriksen – He stated that he did not have any meetings, but would like to comment on the purchase of the building for the health department. The agreement was to purchase the same amount of property for the same price that Bosselman's paid. Discussion was held and Lancaster stated that they would get a letter from Mr. Bosselman clarifying this.

Rye – None

Jeffries – He stated that he and Chuck Kaufman toured the probation and public defender's offices and they are coming along fine. There are two doors that will be replaced and the offices are still in the process of moving.

The remodeling project in Judge Luther's office is almost completed. The security issue has made this a long process.

He reported that building and grounds is storing a large amount of computer equipment and the old equipment that does not have much value needs to be disposed off. Most of the useable parts have been removed but they need to clean this up. They sent a memo to Dave Arnold two weeks ago concerning this. Lancaster stated this needs to be addressed and Humiston stated he would bring back a recommendation in two weeks.

Jeffries questioned if the bid lettings could be held at another time other than the board meetings. This was discussed before and he will check on it and consult with Jerry Janulewicz and come back with the information for the board.

Arnold – He had a meeting at Stuhr Museum.

Lancaster – She stated that she worked with Jerry Janulewicz on RFP for the jail and stated that Senator Aguilar has introduced LB 656 that will clarify what counties can and cannot do concerning private jails. She attended the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting and the Stuhr Museum meeting.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be February 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.